

## **Planning Application HGY/2022/4454**

### **Change of use from Betting Shop (sui generis) to Adult Gaming Centre (sui generis).**

#### **Objection to Application to Vary a Premises Licence under the Gambling Act 2005: Adult Gaming Centre**

The Town centre management team have concerns over the Application to vary a premises licence in respect of: crime and disorder, protection of children from harm, and the overall vitality and safety of Wood Green Metropolitan Town Centre. The premises is located in an area of high deprivation and crime, and the proposed variation to the licence would undermine the improvements that the council and others are seeking to make to the area.

#### **The prevention of gambling being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime.**

There are 7 other gambling premises between Wood Green Underground station and Turnpike Lane Underground station between which the application is being made namely:

- Ladbrokes, 742 Lordship Lane N22 5JP
- Paddy Power, 3a Hollywood Green, High Road N226EJ
- Betfred, 679a Green Lanes, N220QY
- Ladbrokes 13 High Road N22 6BH
- Paddy Power 33 High Road N22 6BH
- William Hill, 9 The Broadway, High road N22 6DS
- Ladbrokes, 12 The Broadway, High Road, N22 6DS

The gambling premises present an inactive frontage on the High Road, reducing passive surveillance and making the townscape more hostile and less welcoming.

The variation to the premises licence would extend the hours of operation of the adult gaming centre and therefore extend the associated crime and disorder, with a detrimental effect on public safety.

#### **District Centre vitality and safety**

The Development Management DPD 2017 Policy DM46 B is specifically referenced in the Strategy as seeking: 'to address the proliferation of betting shops', which are already dominant in the area.

In addition, the Mayor London's Town Centres SPG Policy 4.8 states: 'Over-concentrations of betting shops ... can give rise to particular concerns.' And seeks to: 'manage clusters of uses having regard to their positive and negative impacts' in particular to encourage: 'broader vitality and viability; diversity of offer; sense of place and local identity; community safety and security; promoting health and well-being'.

The Town Centre Management Team therefore considers that granting the proposed variation to the gambling premises licence would adversely affect the local area in terms of promoting crime and disorder, harm to children, and threatening the District Centre's vitality, community safety, health and wellbeing.

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